



Investing in Washington's Future

The 2005 Gas Tax Transportation Funding Package

Whatcom County Region

\$57 million towards 19 projects in the Whatcom County Region to make highways safer and keep traffic moving.

I-5 Corridor Bellingham to Blaine

- **South Bellingham On/Off Ramps**

Redesigns and builds the highest priority I-5 on/off ramps in south Bellingham to make them safer and easier and to use.

Construction begins: 2010

Completion: 2012

- **Cable Barrier**

Installs cable barriers to prevent crossover accident along I-5 in Bellingham and Ferndale.

Construction begins: 2006 & 2007

Completion: 2007

- **Stormwater**

Improves the quality of water draining into Dakota Creek, Chuckanut Creek, Padden Creek and Squalicum Creek.

Construction begins: 2009

Completion: 2009

SR 542 Corridor

- **Nooksack River**

Repair numerous locations along the highway that have been damaged by the Nooksack River, east of Deming.

Construction begins: 2009

Completion: 2009

- **Boulder Creek Bridge**

Replace the bridge over Boulder Creek.

Construction begins: 2007

Completion: 2007

- **Intersection Improvements**

Improves intersection and widen shoulders to improve safety.

Construction begins: 2010

Completion: 2010

Safety Work

- Adds rumble strips, guardrails and removes hazards on State Routes 9, 11 and 20. Reduces accidents by 30 percent.

- Adds guardrails and removes hazards on State Routes 525, 900, 530, 542 and 547.

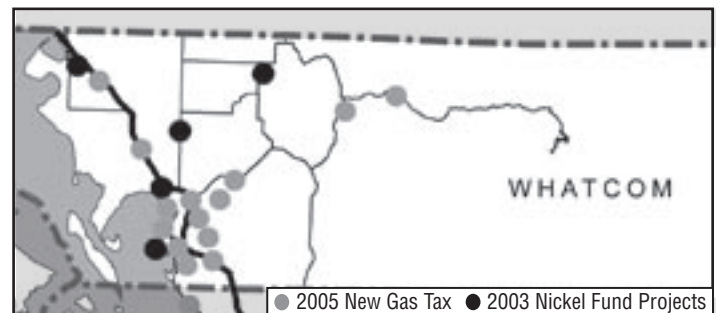
Rail

- **Swift Customs Facility, Blaine and White Rock Siding**

Constructs additional rail line capacity to accommodate customs and security needs, while reducing congestion and delays for freight and passenger trains on the mainline.

Construction begins: 2006

Completion: TBD



**Washington State
Department of Transportation**

Statewide

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A Comprehensive Approach

- ▶ **\$7.1 billion for 274 projects across Washington state to make highways safer and keep traffic moving.**
- ▶ **Coordinates with prior transportation planning**
- ▶ **Phases in the gas tax increase over four years**
 - 3 cents a gallon in 2005
 - 3 cents in 2006
 - 2 cents in 2007
 - 1.5 cent in 2008
- ▶ **Supplemented by new vehicle weight fees**

Improved Safety and Traffic Flow

- ▶ **Eliminates choke points and improves traffic flow in 69 locations**
- ▶ **Fixes 100 high accident locations**
- ▶ **Upgrades 172 bridges to withstand earthquakes**
- ▶ **Replaces 53 deteriorating or outdated bridges**
- ▶ **Adds 150 new lane miles to our highways**
- ▶ **Keeps freight moving with 35 projects for trucks and trains**
- ▶ **Adds 73 miles of cable barrier to prevent cross-over accidents**

Increased Demand

Since 1980:

- ▶ **Washington's population has increased 45%**
- ▶ **There are 58% more licensed drivers**
- ▶ **The number miles traveled has gone up 88%**



**MAKING EVERY
DOLLAR COUNT.**

Accountable and Efficient

The Washington State Department of Transportation is audited regularly by four agencies to ensure it is spending taxpayer dollars wisely.

These include: State Auditors Office

Federal Highway Administration

Joint Legislative Audit Review Committee

Transportation Performance Audit Board

Audits since 1998 have found only minor operating issues, which have been or are being addressed.

Summary

Highway Program

- ☑ Improve change order management
- ☑ Adopt cost savings ideas
- ☑ Reform project management and cost tracking activities

Aviation Division

- ☑ Conduct annual customer service surveys
- ☑ Integrate customer needs into programs

Environmental Permitting

- ☑ Strengthen coordination with environmental and resource agencies to standardize data, save money, and improve working relations.

Capital Project Management Study

- ☑ Implement agency-wide project management tools
- ☑ Integrate cost/risk estimation process across all programs and divisions

Washington State Ferries

- ☑ Implement an electronic fare collection system.
- ☑ Revise safety procedures
- ☑ Streamlining management
- ☑ Improving capital project cost-benefit analysis enhancements
- ☑ Upgrade contract management

On Time, On Budget

Of the first 39 highway construction projects funded by the 2003 Transportation Package, 26 projects are currently under construction and on schedule. 13 have been completed:



Early: 8 Projects
On Time: 4 Projects
Late: 1 Project

Early

- I-90 Cable Median Barrier
 - Geiger Road to US 2
 - Sullivan to State line
- I-90 Truck Climbing Lanes
 - Highline Canal to Elk Heights
 - Ryegrass to Vantage
- I-182 Interchange at US 395 near Pasco
- SR 97A Turn Lanes Entiat Park
- SR 203 Roundabout near Kirkland/Duvall
- SR 500 Interchange at NE 112th in Clark County

On Time

- SR 124 Reconstruction at US 12 near Tri-Cities
- SR 9 New Signal at SR 528 near Arlington
- I-90 Cle Elum River Bridge
- I-5 Noise Wall Roanoke in Seattle

Late

- US 395 Highway Information Sign near Kennewick

349 Projects: \$14 Million Under Budget

In the 2003-2005 budget cycle, WSDOT completed 349 construction projects at a cost of \$109 million, roughly 10 percent below the budgeted amount of \$123 million.

For more information on projects funded by the 2005 gas tax:

Or contact Customer Service:

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